WHEREAS, Some ill or injured American receives a transfusion of blood every few seconds; about a million pints a year are required for surgery and therapy, and the need for blood is growing constantly; and,

WHEREAS, For various reasons blood often is in very short supply after New Year's Day; and,

WHEREAS, If you are in good health and between the ages of seventeen and sixty-five I urge that you make an appointment and donate a pint of your life-saving blood at a local blood bank or collection center during January, or pledge for later in the year; and,

WHEREAS, If you cannot give blood, I urge you to volunteer to assist your community blood center in other ways to help provide time and transportation for those who can. If you are an employer, I ask that you give your employees time to donate and, if circumstances permit, to invite mobile units to your place of business; and,

WHEREAS, If you are in the communications field and speak, write, broadcast or publish, I ask you to join me in saluting and acclaiming our faithful volunteer donors who have given one, five, and even ten gallons of their blood that others may live, and to explain the life-death importance, particularly in January, of regular blood donation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January as

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONOR MONTH

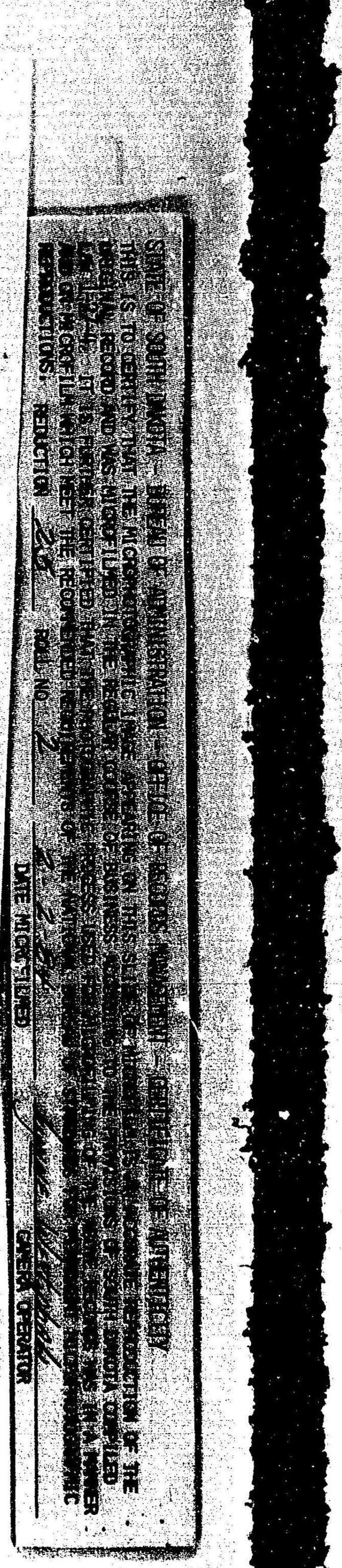
in South Dakota, in recognition of the vital role of the voluntary blood donor in medical care, and I ask all citizens to join in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 9th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three.

Richard F Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE